

## **STATE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Summary – July 27, 2004

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Craig Lorch called the meeting to order. (Neither Jeff nor Bob was able to attend, so Craig graciously agreed to chair this meeting.) Following introductions, SWAC members approved the May 27, 2004 meeting summary.

### **Summit Outcomes – Cullen Stephenson**

The Solid Waste Summit was a great opportunity for regulators, local and state governments to come together and talk about solid waste issues. The Beyond Waste Plan precipitated this meeting.

The agenda was two-fold. The first day was spent getting agreement on the Beyond Waste—is it a plan or a law? CPG dollars will help implement the Beyond Waste Plan.

The second day discussion focused on funding priorities and how should Ecology implement the CPG grants.

The group came up with 5 joint initiatives.

- 1) Joint voice for lobby/education to work with the legislature
- 2) Funding – Firewall – When we give CP grants to health departments, etc. There was a concern on who gets what.
- 3) How are we going to track programs toward the goals of CP grants? CP work groups will be focusing on this.
- 4) Message to other audiences. Bring in other financial decision makers, such as the Association of Washington Counties, Cities, etc.
- 5) Define the cost of recycling and landfilling.

The Solid Waste Summit was well attended. Most counties were represented.

### **Soils – Cullen Stephenson**

A contaminated soils meeting was held June 3, 2004. Five groups were in attendance. They were:

Association of Washington Cities  
Association of Washington Counties  
Washington Department of Transportation  
Association of General Contractors  
Ports Association

The Department of Ecology sent out a revised letter of where we intend to go on the contaminated soils issue.

Rulemaking is underway. We have been receiving input from many groups, such as:

Environmental  
Land applicators  
Topsoil manufacturers  
Haulers/landfill  
Health departments  
Public Works  
Environmental Consultants

Several health directors are considering whether to step into the lead role in negotiating a soils rule.

### **E-Waste – Cullen Stephenson**

Cullen reported that ESHB 2488 passed. A report outline has been done. Ecology worked with Suellen Mele and Grant Nelson. Agreement Dynamics will get the facilitation contract. Jay Shepard is the lead on this project.

Representation will be two committees:

- 1) Subcommittee – different interests
- 2) Technical committee – data and information

We're getting close to agreement from industry folks, corporations, retail, charities, state and local government, haulers, landfills, health and public works (west and east side), recycling, and consumer industry.

Cullen suggested that maybe we can use David Stitzel's expertise and knowledge on the Technical Committee.

### **Ecology Staff Changes – Cullen Stephenson**

Cullen mentioned that the Solid Waste & Financial Assistance Program has had several staff changes. The following folks have left:

George Sidles, NWRO Section manager, has taken a position with Seattle Public Utilities  
Brenda Pozega, Secretary, went to DSHS  
Steve Loftness (CPG coordinator) left to pursue other interests  
Rupert Wild, Information Technology, left to pursue other interests  
Fenggang Ma, Engineer, went to Water Resources, within Ecology (Spokane Office)  
Tamera Archer, moved from Ecology's Yakima Office to Bellingham Field Office

Ecology will be working to fill these vacancies quickly.

### **Adding SWAC Member from Goodwill Industries - All**

Cullen Stephenson was contacted by Goodwill Industries. They are interested in becoming a member of SWAC. SWAC discussed and decided that because of the amount of disposal and

recycling issues that Goodwill Industries must manage, that it would make sense to have them be on the committee.

SWAC also decided that representation was needed from agriculture and the Tribes.

### **Ecology Budget Add – Cullen Stephenson**

- 1) The lead 3 initiatives are – green building, moderate risk waste, and organics.

We need to provide education and outreach to local counties to help them with their own plans. The funding for this budget add will mostly come from our litter account. It is also important to note that revenue forecasts are looking strong, and we currently forecast that about \$4.8M additional CPG grants may be available next cycle.

### **Beyond Waste Comment Letter – All**

The SWAC Beyond Waste Subcommittee developed a recommended comment letter on the Beyond Waste draft plan, and submitted it to the SWAC for review. The SWAC reviewed the letter, made several revisions, and then agreed to send the letter to Ecology as official SWAC comment on the draft Beyond Waste plan. The SWAC comment letter is generally supportive of the draft plan, and also includes several requests. One of the most significant issues concerns the financing sections. As suggested by the SWAC Beyond Waste Subcommittee, the SWAC endorsed the idea of convening a workgroup to revise the financing sections of the plan. Volunteers from both the Subcommittee and the full SWAC were solicited, and the following people offered to participate on the workgroup: Brad Lovaas, Jerry Smedes, Damon Taam, Gene Eckhardt, Norm LeMay, Bill Reed, Rob Guttridge, Suellen Mele and Jeff Kelley-Clarke. It was agreed that revised financing sections would be reviewed at the September SWAC meeting. The SWAC comment letter that was sent to Ecology by the chair is attached.

#### Attendees:

Nancy Atwood	Theresa Jennings
Laurie Davies	Pete Keller
Bill Dean	Jeff Kelley-Clarke
Linda Dennis	Dean Large
Ed Dzedzy	Craig Lorch
Gene Eckhardt	Brad Lovaas
Clif Finch	Chris Luboff
Rob Guttridge	Ashley Probart
Dennis Hein	Bill Reed
Lorie Hewitt	Jerry Smedes
Sego Jackson	Damon Tamm
	Sally Toteff